

HOUSE No. 4565

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 22, 2024.

The committee on Public Health, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1373) of Barry R. Finegold, Lydia Edwards, Adam Scanlon, Paul R. Feeney and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to athletic training, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2252) of Edward R. Philips relative to promoting best practices in youth athletic coaching and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3612) of Edward F. Coppinger and others relative to athletic trainers and athletic training, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4565) ought to pass.

For the committee,

MARJORIE C. DECKER.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to athletic training.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23A of chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out the words “and who limits his practice to schools, teams or organizations with whom
3 he is associated” from the definition of "Athletic Trainer."

4 SECTION 2. The Board of Allied Health Professions must review and update the rules
5 and regulations pursuant to this act within 180 days of the passage of this act.

6 SECTION 3. Section 54A of chapter 71 of the general laws, as appearing in the 2022
7 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “eleven C“, in line 3, the
8 following words:- or a licensed athletic trainer, who have completed the annual head injury
9 safety training, as required by 105 CMR 201.007.

10 SECTION 4. Section 8A (b)(7) of chapter 69 is hereby amended by inserting the word
11 “athletic” after “coaches” and before “trainers”. Section 8A (c) of chapter 69 is hereby amended
12 by inserting the word “athletic” after “coaches” and before “trainers”.